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SUBJECT: RABASA COMMENTS ON US PROTEST RE UNAM INCIDENT

1. APPROACHED BY REPORTERS AT INDUSTRIALIST'S CLUB ON MARCH 20, FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA WAS ASKED ABOUT PRESS REPORTS OF A U.S. PROTEST CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AT UNIVERSITY INCIDENT OF MARCH 14 TO EFFECT THAT DISSIDENT STUDENTS WERE MANIPULATED BY CIA. RABASA CONFIRMED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD CALLED IN AMBASSADOR DE OLLOQUI TO MAKE SUCH PROTEST. RABASA ADDED THAT HE WOULD CONSULT WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO THE US PROTEST. HE ALSO ADDED: "WHAT I SAID WAS THAT ONE MUST START FROM THE HYPOTHESIS THAT THE CIA OPERATES IN OUR COUNTRIES. THIS IS NOT NEWS, AS I SAID." RABASA'S COMMENTS CARRIED IN MAJOR MEXICO CITY DAILIES.

2. RADICAL LEFTIST EL DIA QUOTED AMBASSADOR JOVA'S COMMENT ON MARCH 20, WHEN ASKED ABOUT RABASA'S "HYPOTHESIS" (REPEATED ABOVE). AMBASSADOR SAID IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO CONTRADICT A HIGH-LEVEL MEXICAN FUNCTIONARY, BUT ADDED THAT "WE HAVE A DIFFERENT JURIDICAL TRADITION: ONE IS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY".

3. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY RABASA'S REPETITION OF HIS "HYPOTHESIS" IS UNHELPFUL AND THOUGH IT DOES NOT DIRECTLY CONFIRM ECHEVERRIA'S WILD CHARGES OF "CIA MANIPULATION",
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IT PROBABLY TENDS TO SUPPORT THOSE CHARGES IN MEXICAN PUBLIC

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